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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, EAID, TH
SUBJ: RTG ATTACK ON COMMUNIST INSURGENT CAMP IN MAE CHAM DIS-
TRICT

REF CHIAN MAI 197,

1. WE ARE REPEATING TO DEPT REFTEL, WHICH REPORTS ATTACK BY
THAI PROVINCIAL POLICE ON SMALL ENCAMPMENT OF THAI COMMUNIST
INSURGENTS IN MAE CHAM DISTRICT, CHIANG MAI PROVINCE, MAY 16.
CLASH WAS ON MINOR SCALE, WITH ONCE CI KILLED AND WEAPONS,
AMMO AND DOCUMENTS SEIZED. FOR PAST YEAR OR SO THERE HAVE BEEN
INDICATIONS OF LOW LEVEL OF COMMUNIST INSURGENT ACTIVITY IN
MAE CHAM. WE HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THESE INDICATIONS,
AS MAE CHAM IS THE FOCUS OF RTG PROGRAM FOR OPIUM CROP
SUBSTITUTION NOW UNDER DEVELOPMENT. WHEN PROGRAM IS
FULLY DEVELOPED, WE HAVE PLANNED TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDING
SUPPORT FOR IT UNDER INC AND, EVENTUALLY, UNDER REGULAR USAID
REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

2. EMBASSY AGREES WITH ASSESSMENT OF OUR CONSUL IN CHIANG MAI
(PARA 10, REFTEL) THAT, "WHILE ANY FUTURE PLANNING FOR
SUCH ASSISTANCE MUST NOW RECOGNIZE A POTENTIAL SECURITY
PROBLEM IN THE AREA, I DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE THAT THE
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THREAT IN MAE CHAM IS SUFFICIENTLY DANGEROUS TO FORCE ANY CHANGE
IN ONGOING US PLANNING." SITUATION CALLS FOR CAREFUL MON-
ITORING, WHICH WE PLAN TO DO.
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